GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL SELLING OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the medicines being to the Government hospitals for treatment of the poor are being sold in open market in connivance with the hospital staff as reported in the Hindi daily `Dainik Jagran` , dated September 30, 2004;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein ;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check such illegal business ;and

(d) the action taken /proposed to be taken against the officials responsible for such illegal activities ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): Health being a State subject, it is the responsibility of the respective State Governments to ensure that medicines supplied to the hospitals are used only for patient care. However, in so far as the Central Government Hospitals in Delhi are concerned, no incidence of sale of medicines meant for hospitals has been reported from Dr. RML Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital, LHMC and associated Hospitals.